

30 December 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, Incentive Awards Committee  
SUBJECT : Employee Suggestion No. 356

1. I have reviewed the background material in our file [redacted] and it appears that there was considerable interest in the possibility of requiring tourist class air travel within the various offices in the Agency shortly after Suggestion No. 356 was submitted. I have not been able to trace any references back beyond October 1953, however, and I understand that the suggestion was submitted in June 1953.

2. We do have a copy of DD/I Notice [redacted] 1953, subject: "Airplane Travel," which requires that tourist class or air coach will be used by DD/I personnel whenever such accommodations were available. There is also a memorandum in Colonel White's hand somewhat later, in which he said Mr. Amory had asked his permission to publish this Notice, and Colonel White did not object. It is therefore obvious that some time before 27 October 1953 both the Deputy Director (Intelligence) and the then Deputy Director (Administration) had had discussions on the matter. The Deputy Director (Administration) had asked the Director of Personnel in December 1953, after some preliminary work, to draft an Agency-wide Notice on the subject. This Notice was ultimately published [redacted] in June 1954.

3. There is also a note on one of our memoranda in April 1954 which indicates that [redacted] Office of the General Counsel, advises that the Bureau of the Budget was starting work to get the standardized Government Travel Regulations amended to encourage the use of air coach and tourist accommodations, but it was believed that this would take quite a long time.

4. The materials which I have available for review have not demonstrated that the originator of Suggestion No. 356 played a specific part in developing either the Agency's position or the Government's (Bureau of the Budget) position regarding the use of tourist accommodations. On the other hand, there is nothing in our file which indicates that the suggestion was in the thinking which finally sparked the Agency's action on this matter.

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5. I would suggest that you investigate the beginnings of the DD/I Notice to see whether this was actually in process within the Office of the DD/I prior to June 1953. If this were the case, it would seem that the originator of Suggestion No. 356 was just a little late. If no conclusive evidence is found to support this conclusion, the Incentive Awards Committee could perhaps make a nominal award which would, in effect, recognize the employee's advance thinking without any attempt to place a monetary evaluation on the suggestion.

  
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